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Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Please amend the following claims:

1.(Amended) A valve assembly adapted to be positioned into a urethra in a mammal, including humans, the valve assembly comprising:

- a) a valve holder comprising a substantially cylindrically shaped body to be inserted into the urethra, and
- b) a valve housing comprising a valve controlling an urine flow from a patients bladder, the valve assembly being 'arranged in a sealed manner between the walls of the urethra, wherein the cylindrical valve holder [(1)] comprises a shape

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